

## Message Text

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2583

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: BENC, NZ  
SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: THERMAL POWER PROJECT IN AUCKLAND AREA

REF: 76 STATE 310207

1. AUCKLAND THERMAL NO. 1 AS POWER PLANT PROJECT CITED  
REFTEL IS KNOWN, WILL BE NEW ZEALAND'S LARGEST POWER  
STATION AT 1400 MW CAPACITY. SITE PROPOSED BY NZ  
ELECTRICITY DEPARTMENT IS AT WAIAU PA ON MANUKAU  
HARBOUR JUST SOUTH OF AUCKLAND. POTENTIAL IMPACT  
OF THE ELECTRICITY DEPARTMENT'S PROPOSAL ON ECOLOGY,  
WATER AVAILABILITY, AND LOCAL AND REGIONAL PLANNING IS  
NOW THE SUBJECT OF TWO SEPARATE BUT CONCURRENT STUDIES.  
NZED EXPECTS THESE STUDIES TO BE COMPLETED BY NOVEMBER,  
1977, AT WHICH TIME THE CABINET WILL CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL.  
IF CABINET APPROVES, FIRST 350 MW GENERATOR EXPECTED TO  
BE ON-STREAM BY NOVEMBER 1983, WITH THREE OTHER GENERATORS  
OF LIKE CAPACITY FOLLOWING AT ROUGHLY TEN-MONTH INTERVALS.

2. CALL FOR TENDERS WILL BE ISSUED DIRECTLY TO KNOWN  
POTENTIAL FOREIGN SUPPLIERS, AND TO FOREIGN EMBASSIES  
IN NEW ZEALAND. NEW ZEALAND EMBASSIES IN MAJOR INDUSTRIAL  
COUNTRIES WILL ALSO BE SUPPLIED WITH DETAILS FOR  
DISSEMINATION. SHOULD TARGET DATE FOR APPROVAL SLIP  
SIGNIFICANTLY BEYOND NOVEMBER, 1977, NZED MAY ISSUE CALL  
FOR NON-BINDING TENDERS TO PERMIT NZED TO PROCEED WITH  
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PLANNING AND YET RESERVE POSSIBILITY THAT PROJECT MIGHT  
EVENTUALLY BE REJECTED BY CABINET. POINT OF CONTACT IS  
NZED, PRIVATE BAG, WELLINGTON, TELEX NZ3592, REFERRING  
TO AUCKLAND THERMAL NO. 1.

3. WILL KEEP WASHINGTON AGENCIES INFORMED FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.  
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